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1. ANTICIPATING THAT QUESTION RAISED IN REFTEL RE MOZAMBIQUE
MAY SOON BE ASKED US, OUR COMMENTS FOLLOW.

2. WHITES IN ANGOLA ALREADY POSSESS VAST QUANTITY FIRE ARMS OF
ALL TYPES INCLUDING AUTOMATIC MILITARY WEAPONS. SALES OF U.S.
SPORTING ARMS INCONSEQUENTIAL EVEN THOUGH SOME ARE HIRHLY THOUGHT
OF BY LOCAL HUNTERS.

3. ALTHOUGH AMMUNITION IN ALL BUT MILITARY CALIBERS ALWAYS HAS
BEEN IN SHORT SUPPLY HERE (EXCEPT SHOTGUN SHELLS WHICH ARE
PRODUCED LOCALLY) THIS IS DUE TO PAST GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC
POLICY DESIGNED TO CURB UNESSENTIAL IMPORTS. MOST AMMUNITION COMES
FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

4. UNLIKELY THERE WILL BE ANY REAL INCREASE IN NUMBERS OF
SPORTING ARMS EXPORT PERMITS REQUESTED FOR ANGOLA ALTHOUGH PISTOL
AMMUNITION ORDERS MAY INCREASE. CONTINUATION PRESENT "REASONABLE
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NUMBER" POLICY CARRIES LITTLE RISK OF ANY CRITICISM OF U.S.

HOWEVER, POLICY OF SUDDENLY STOPPING ALL SPORTING ARMS EXPORTS
TO ANGOLA WOULD BECOME QUICKLY KNOWN AND COULD BE INTERPRETED
IN SINISTER FASHION HERE.
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